

REMARKS

Claims 1, 17-30 and 32-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Meagher. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Meagher discloses compositions that always include cobalt, which is not a requirement of the present claims.

Furthermore, Meagher teaches away from coldforming as presently claimed, as exemplified in the disclosure at paragraph [0069] "after 1008 hours of exposure.....indicate superior corrosion resistance...." and at paragraph [0072] wherein it is indicated that a hot-dip galvanized steel is use, since typically galvanized metals are not cold formed.

Thus Meagher does not teach or suggest the presently claimed invention, so the rejection must be withdrawn.

Claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Meagher in view of WO '782. Applicants respectfully traverse. The deficiencies of Meagher are discussed above, and WO '872 does nothing to overcome those deficiencies. Thus, this rejection must also be withdrawn.

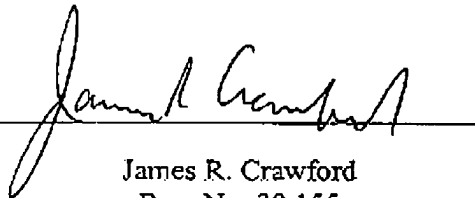
Claims 1, 17-27 and 31-34 were provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims of copending US application 10/555,929. Applicants respectfully submit that they will address this issue after an indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 17-34 were provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over co-pending application no. 10/467,850. Applicants respectfully submit that they will address this upon the indication of allowable subject matter.

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